

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: DISAGGREGATION OF FEDERAL HIGH- COST SUPPORT FOR RURAL CARRIERS	DOCKET NO. USP-01-2
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ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued September 3, 2002)

On August 30, 2002, Heartland Telecommunications of Iowa, d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech) and Hawarden Municipal Communications Utility, d/b/a HITECH (HITECH), filed a joint motion for suspension of the procedural schedule established in the Procedural Order and Notice of Hearing issued August 13, 2002. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) concurs in the motion. In the motion, the parties state they are pursuing a possible resolution of the case, and filing of testimony and positions would be adverse to this pursuit of a mutual resolution. The motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The procedural schedule established in the order issued August 13, 2002, is hereby suspended until further order.
2. Any party who wishes to request the establishment of a new procedural schedule may do so by filing a motion.

3. If the parties are able to resolve this case without the necessity of further formal proceedings, they must file written notice and move for dismissal of the case.

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/s/ Amy L. Christensen
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of September, 2002.